

MARCH 2009

MARINA READER

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

FROM THE MANAGER



Mark Sandoval,
Manager of Marinas and Beaches

The weather has been clean and crisp - a beautiful time on the water. This is the time of year we begin seeing significant rainfall, which we desperately need, so make sure that your vessels are secure and your hatches are battened down.

To briefly update the rebuild of the Alamitos Bay Marina, we are nearly complete with the Environmental Impact Report. After the mandated waiting period for comments, we will be taking the project to the Planning Commission, hopefully in April or May, and on to the Coastal Commission by the end of the year.

One topic I wanted to cover this month was vessel security. Around the holidays, a vessel in our marina unfortunately sank in the slip. When we contacted the owner, we were asked why we did not notice that it was going to sink. I am hopeful that you recognize that it is your responsibility to secure your vessel. While we do have security staff, maintenance and field staff, and other customers on the docks, there is no way that we can ensure that we will catch a vessel that is taking on water and sinking.

Many times, this is unfortunately a quick occurrence because a vessel will sink fast when an opening, like an un-sealed through hole, reaches the water line. So please regularly inspect your vessel, particularly the bilge, and make sure that your bilge pumps are working.

The final topic of the month is communication with the marina regarding issues. I have always informed you, our customers, that I am available to discuss any issue you may have. E-mail is the best way to communicate with me since I am an early riser and normally answer all of my e-mails daily. I am also available by telephone, and try to return calls the same day. Finally, if it is an involved issue, I am open to a meeting at any of the marina offices. The reason I am re-iterating this is that on occasion, marina customers will call the Mayor's or Councilperson's office to resolve an issue. While it is always your prerogative to do so, usually it slows down a response because those offices will normally work through me for an answer or a resolution. So I ask that if you have an issue, please try to work it through your Harbormaster, or contact me directly, and if you do not get satisfaction, you can always take the issue above my head at that point.

As always, happy and healthy boating.

Mark A. Sandoval

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2009 Long Beach Toyota Grand Prix

April 17-19

For more info visit www.gplb.com

OPEN HOUSE

Seal Beach Yacht Club Open House

Sunday, March 22nd
10am-2pm

255 Marina Drive (next to West Marine)
Long Beach, California

The Seal Beach Yacht Club is accepting applications for new members. We offer coastal and Catalina cruises, sailboat racing, junior sailing lessons, private bar, dinners and parties. The club is also available for private events and parties. Come by and

tour our beautiful club on the Bay and find out about our boating and social activities.

Call Rowanda Tucker at 562 594 6930, or Dean Garland 562 787 3636 for more information.

MARINA READER

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

MARCH 2009

Published monthly by the Marine Bureau
of the City of Long Beach Department
of Parks, Recreation & Marine

Marine Bureau
205 Marina Drive
Long Beach, CA 90803

Editorial Beverly Glavas
(562) 570-3242
beverly_glavas@longbeach.gov

Advertising Kimarie Vestre
(562) 570-3236
kimarie_vestre@longbeach.gov



TIDE CHART FOR MARCH 2009

		LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	
1. Su	5:59	0.6	5:07	1.4	11:54	3.1	11:49	5.0	
2. Mo	7:12	0.6	5:31	1.9	1:19	2.5	--	--	
3. Tu	8:51	0.5	--	--	12:42	4.9	--	--	
4. We	10:30	0.1	8:34	2.7	2:00	4.8	6:19	2.8	
5. Th	11:39	-0.4	10:44	2.5	3:35	4.9	6:45	3.2	
6. Fr	12:29	-0.8	11:57	2.0	4:57	5.2	7:13	3.6	
7. Sa	1:11	-1.1	--	--	6:01	5.6	7:40	4.0	
8. Su	12:51	1.3	1:47	-1.1	6:54	5.8	8:09	4.4	
9. Mo	1:39	0.9	3:21	-1.0	8:42	5.8	9:37	4.8	
10. Tu	3:24	0.4	3:52	-0.7	9:26	5.6	10:07	5.1	
11. We	4:07	0.0	4:22	5.3	10:09	5.3	10:36	5.3	
12. Th	4:50	-0.1	4:50	0.2	10:52	4.7	11:05	5.3	
13. Fr	5:34	-0.1	5:16	0.8	11:36	4.1	11:35	5.2	
14. Sa	6:20	0.1	5:40	1.3	12:23	3.5	--	--	
15. Su	7:13	0.4	5:59	1.8	12:05	5.0	1:21	2.9	
16. Mo	8:20	0.7	6:02	2.3	12:39	4.6	2:59	2.5	
17. Tu	9:55	0.8	--	--	1:22	4.3	--	--	
18. We	11:34	0.7	--	--	2:35	4.00	--	--	
19. Th	12:38	0.5	--	--	4:27	3.9	8:06	3.2	
20. Fr	12:08	2.8	1:19	0.2	5:51	4.1	8:13	3.5	
21. Sa	12:59	2.3	1:51	0.0	6:45	4.3	8:25	3.6	
22. Su	1:36	1.9	2:17	-0.1	7:28	4.6	8:40	3.9	
23. Mo	2:09	1.4	2:41	-0.1	8:05	4.7	8:57	4	
24. Tu	2:41	1.0	3:04	0.0	8:40	4.8	9:16	4.6	
25. We	3:14	0.5	3:27	0.1	9:16	4.8	9:37	4.9	
26. Th	3:50	0.1	3:51	0.4	9:54	0.1	10:01	5.2	
27. Fr	4:28	-0.2	4:16	0.7	10:34	4.3	10:28	5.5	
28. Sa	5:09	-0.4	4:42	1.1	11:18	3.8	10:59	5.6	
29. Su	5:57	-0.4	5:10	1.5	12:10	3.4	11:35	5.5	
30. Mo	6:53	-0.3	5:40	1.9	1:18	3.0	--	--	
31. Tu	8:04	-0.1	6:18	2.3	12:20	5.3	3:01	2.7	

PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP ON HAND

**Long Beach Police
Marine Patrol Emergency**
911
or **9911 (Dock Phone)**

Non Emergency
562.435.6711

**Maintenance during
working hours**
562.570.1582

Alamitos Bay Office
562.570.3215

Shoreline Office
562.570.4950

Rainbow Harbor
562.570.8636

After office hours
562.570.3101

• tide chart •

UPCOMING CLASSES

PILOTING CLASS

The Alamitos Sail & Power Squadron will be offering a seven-week **Piloting Class** starting on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Seal Beach Yacht Club, 255 North Marina Drive.

The Piloting Class teaches the essential skills needed to navigate in the coastal and inland waters. There will be a \$55.00 charge for this class and USPS membership is required. For information and to register for this class call Dick Daybell at 714.801.7319 or at rdaybell@earthlink.net.

SQUADRON BOATING CLASS

The Alamitos Sail & Power Squadron will be offering a six week **Squadron Boating Class** starting on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Seal Beach Yacht Club, 255 North Marina Drive.

The Squadron Boating Class is a comprehensive safe boating course. There will be a \$45.00 charge for this course. For information and to register for this class call Dick Daybell at 714.801.7319 or at rdaybell@earthlink.net.

TOM HERREN MEMORIAL HAM CLASSES

A "Tom Herren Memorial HAM Classes" will be taught at the Shoreline Yacht Club on two weekends in March 2009. The **General License Course** will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

The course fee is \$75.00 per person and includes the textbook, continental breakfast and lunch on both days. An FCC license fee of \$14.00 (cash only) is payable upon

taking the exam on Sunday afternoon.

Class size is limited, so reserve early. Call Shoreline Yacht Club office, 562.435.4093 or email: syclb@hotmail.com. Shoreline Yacht Club is located at 386 Shoreline Drive South, Long Beach, CA 90802. For additional information contact K6SYC@yahoo.com

GETTING DOWN TO BASICS ABOUT BOATING SAFETY

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 15-2 will offer **About Boating Safely** in a four-session format. The class will begin Monday, Mar. 2, at the Seal Beach Yacht Club, 255 Marina Drive, Long Beach (in Alamitos Bay). The class will run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The course describes types of boats, including PWCs, trailering, rules of the road and navigation, operating a boat, legal requirements and boating emergencies. The \$25 fee includes the text and a proctored examination that is required to receive a certificate of completion.

Many insurance companies offer discounts to boaters completing the course. It also satisfies court impositions. Pre-registration is required. Call Beth or Burt Irwin 714. 897.5200 or e-mail abirwin1@earthlink.net

UPDATE

Shoreline Marina Fuel Dock

On July 1, 2008 the Shoreline Marina Fuel Facility was closed because the fuel tanks and pipes did not meet current code, and the City faced substantial fines from regulatory agencies. The design and permitting process began immediately, and has been progressing along on schedule.

As you read this article, the City is finalizing the bid documents for the repairs and upgrades needed to bring the facility to current code. The City projects the bids to be on the street in mid-march, after bids are awarded the permitting process will begin. The work at this time is planned to be completed mid to late August

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 33 is looking for volunteers. If you are a US Citizen, over the age of 17 who enjoys boating and wants to learn how to assist others on the water please come to one of our meetings. We meet at 7:30PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month (Feb-Nov) at the Belmont Shore Police / Fire station on 5373 E. Second Street near Bayshore Ave. For more information, call USCG AUX FLOTILLA 33 at 562.972.5900